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INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EA

SUBJECT: THROWN SILK

REFS: A) TOKYO 19993, B) STATE 309050

1. EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN GOJ RESPONSE TRANSMITTED  
REFTEL A. IT PROVIDES NOTHING CONCRETE BUT RATHER AN  
OBLIQUE SUGGESTION THAT A QUOTA OF 1700 BALES MIGHT  
EVENTUALLY FLY. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE GOJ RESPONSE WOULD  
ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF OUR TRADE DISCUSSED IN  
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PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTL B. OBVIOUSLY ANY SETTLEMENT WITH  
GOJ BASED ON CONTINUATION OF THEIR PRESENT ILLEGAL SYSTEM  
MUST CARRY WITH IT ASSURANCES FOR ANNUAL U.S. QUOTAS TO  
REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SYSTEM IS ABOLISHED.

2. IF PANEL DECISION IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR GATT COUNCIL  
ACTION AT ITS FIRST 1978 MEETING IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY

FEBRUARY, DECISION SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY PANEL ABOUT JANUARY 10. THIS MEANS THAT PANEL SHOULD HAVE GOJ AND USG INPUT RE CONCILIATION BY JANUARY 4 SO THAT SECRETARIAT WILL HAVE TIME FOR MECHANICAL TASKS. THAT IS WHY WE ACCOMMODATED JAPANESE BY FIXING COB JANUARY 3 (NOT JANUARY 1 AS INCORRECTLY TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL B) FOR

SENDING OUR INSTRUCTION TO GENEVA. IN LIGHT OF TRANSMISSION ERROR WE ARE PREPARED TO EXTEND UNTIL COB JANUARY 5, NOTWITHSTANDING GATT PROBLEMS SUCH LATER NOTIFICATION MAY INVOLVE.

3. OUR WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH THIS LENGTHY NEGOTIATION IS IN RECOGNITION OF PRICKLY POLITICAL PROBLEM OF THE GOJ BUT WE HAVE SEEN NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF A DETERMINED EFFORT TO RESOLVE IT. UNLESS THIS IS CORRECTED BY COB JANUARY 5, WE WILL HAVE TO LET THE GATT WHEELS GRIND ON. PARA 5 OF REFTEL B ASKS RELATIVELY LITTLE OF GOJ UNDER OUR VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES. IT REMAINS AS THE EXISTING BASIS FOR AVERTING A "NO CONCILIATION" INSTRUCTION TO OUR MISSION IN GENEVA AT COB JANUARY 5. PLEASE PROVIDE, PRIOR TO THAT DEADLINE, RESPONSE WHICH UNDERLINES WHAT ASSURANCES GOJ IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE NOW FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE PROBLEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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